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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Examiner: YUAN, Dah Wei D

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For: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME,
AND MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND POLYMER ELECTROLYTE
FUEL CELL COMPRISING SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the Applicants' response to the outstanding rejection of November 17,
2003.

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating that claims 4, 8 and 12 would be allowable
if rewritten in independent form.

The prior art considered: Nolte et al (Journal of Membrane Science, 83 (1993) 211-220),
hereafter Nolte.

U.S. 6,096,586 Helmer-Metzmann et al (hereinafter Helmer-Metzmann).